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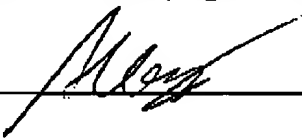
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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>					Docket No. <b>77682-236 /aba</b>	
Applicant(s): <b>INDRANIL B. TAPADAR, ET AL</b>						
Application No. <b>09/465,318</b>	Filing Date <b>December 17, 1999</b>	Examiner <b>Abul K. Azad</b>	Customer No. <b>07380</b>	Group Art Unit <b>2654</b>	Confirmation No. <b>8752</b>	
Invention: <b>METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSMITTING REAL-TIME DATA IN MULTI-ACCESS SYSTEMS</b>						
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2004, Applicant submits the following remarks.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In paragraph 2 of the Detailed Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 27 have been amended; we note, however, that claim 36 should also have been indicated as being amended.

**Claim Rejections -- 35 U.S.C. 103**

In paragraph 5 of the Detailed Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1 to 6, 12 to 16, 22 to 29, 33 to 38, and 39 to 44 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,436,899 (Fujino *et al.*) in view of newly cited United States Patent No. 5,793,744 (Kanerva *et al.*). Given below is a detailed discussion as to why claims 1 to 6, 12 to 16, 22 to 29, 33 to 38, and 39 to 44 are patentable over the Fujino *et al.* and Kanerva *et al.* references.

By way of overview, in the Fujino *et al.* reference a multiplexed transmission system is disclosed. The system is configured by a sound coding unit for coding voice input information.